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Application No. **10/060,208**) Group Art Unit: **1744**
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Title: **Methods For Sterilizing Tissues**)

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 25, 2004.
2. Extension of Time: The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) apply. Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time from November 25, 2004 to February 25, 2005, the fee for a small entity which is **\$510.00** as set out in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.
3. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. 1.16):

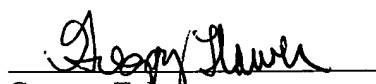
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Remaining		Previously Paid	Extra	Rate	Total Fees
Total Claims	61	minus	365	0	\$50 each=	0.00
Independent Claims	3	minus	9	0	\$200 each=	0.00
First presentation of Multiple dependent claim					\$360.00	0.00
					Sub-total =	0.00
					Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity	0.00
					Total Fee =	0.00

4. Fee Payment: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **\$510.00** to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for payment of the three-month extension of time fee at the small entity rate.
5. Constructive Petition: Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This

paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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In response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended by three months from November 25, 2004 to February 25, 2005, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.